



## **America's Voices on Border Security**

### ***Father of 9/11 Victim Discusses National Security Implications of Amnesty***

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At a House Judiciary Committee hearing in Concord, New Hampshire today, local and national experts testified about the impact of granting amnesty to illegal immigrants. Among the witnesses was Peter Gadiel, a father of a 9/11 victim, who now serves as President of 9/11 Families for a Secure America. Mr. Gadiel testified about the impact of amnesty on the rule of law, and how granting amnesty to illegal immigrants would be harmful to our national security. Excerpts from his prepared testimony are below:

#### **Peter Gadiel, President**

#### **9/11 Families for a Secure America**

"Since Independence, one of American's most treasured ideals has been that of equality under the law. In practice we have often failed to achieve that ideal, but the clear trend during two centuries has been of progress toward making the goal a reality. Now comes the US Senate with S.2611, a bill which would reverse our progressive course by rejecting the concept of equality before the law. This would be done in order to create a special class of millions and offer them special treatment and privileges that have never in our history been offered to any single citizen, let alone an immense group of them.

“Who are the people the Senate has selected for special privileges? Not combat veterans of our military services; not elderly people who have contributed to our Nation for many decades, not Americans who have made unique contributions in the medicine or science. The elite chosen by the Senate are illegal aliens.”

“S. 2611 would forgive illegal’s for their immigration crimes, tax evasion, identity fraud and other crimes, and then goes far beyond that to grant them one of the greatest gifts our government can bestow: citizenship, a benefit that the lawbreakers will in turn be able to pass on to their descendants.”

“While lawbreaking aliens will be the beneficiaries of S2611, it is American citizens who will pay all the costs, social and financial.”

“ ... S.2611 will result in many more millions of criminal aliens from all parts of the earth winning the right to stay in the USA without any effective investigation of their possible violent or terrorist backgrounds. And this is the worst all the many crimes against fundamental fairness that S.2611 will produce: it will make our nation even more vulnerable to attack by hostile foreign powers infiltrating agents into the U.S.A. as “ordinary” illegal aliens. I implore members of this Committee to remember that it was negligence on the part of US government officials that allowed the terrorists of 9/11 and tens of thousands of “ordinary” street criminals to destroy the lives of innocent Americans. S.2611 will perpetuate this madness.”

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